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REF: (A) BRASILIA 2343, (B) BRASILIA 1862 (EXDIS), (C) RUSER BALLANTYNE TELECON ABOUT APRIL 10, (D) BRASILIA 3523, (E) 75 STATE 295859

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS STATUS REPORT ON DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF CONCESSIONALITY IN REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN US AGENCIES AND BRAZIL, REQUESTED IN REFTEL (A).

2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THAT ULTIMATELY THIS QUESTION WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND THAT DEPARTMENT. THEREFORE, CANNOT GIVE DEFINITIVE RESPONSE IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC CASES, ALSO THAT US POLICY IN THIS AREA IS STILL IN FLUX (REFTELCON C), AND THAT IT MAY BECOME MORE FLEXIBLE OVER TIME. IN THE MEATIME, WE WOULD, HOW EVER, WISH TO HAVE AT LEAST ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN SPECIFIC CASES, PARTICULARLY IN THE AGRICULTURE TRAINING AND THE OTHER AREAS DISCUSSED WITH GOB (REFTEL).

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3. THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY SEEMS PREPARED TO

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ACCEPT THE USGS AGREEMENT WITHOUT CONCESSIONALITY OR
ANY OTHER TYPE OF EXTERNAL FINANCING (E.G. EXIM COOPERA-
TIVE FINANCING FACILITY, REF E). THE EMBASSY BELIEVES
THERFORE, THAT WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE THE USGS
AGREEMENT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY EXTERNAL FINANCING.
IF THE USG WERE TO DECIDE TO OFFER FINANCING, WE THEN
WOULD TAKE THIS UP WITH THE MINISTRY.

4. WITH GEISEL VISIT TO EUROPE AND UEKI VISIT TO US
CONCLUDED, EMBASSY WISHES TO RESUME DISCUSSION WITH
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SUBGROUPS (REFTEL D), AND
A POSSIBLE WORK PROGRAMS TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOPE SPECIFIC
PROJECTS. EVEN PRELIMINARY STATUS REPORT ON CONCESSIONALITY
WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. ALSO, MISSION NEEDS TO PROVIDE
SUBIN WITH REPLY, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF PROGRESS REPORT
ON OUR THINKING, IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE PROGRESS REPORT
WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK TO TEN DAYS.
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